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SUBJECT: EE CONSULATES IN FRG AND BERLIN

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1. AT DECEMBER 6 BONN GROUP MEETING THE FRG REP (LUECKING) BRIEFED ALLIES ON TWO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH BEAR ON EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF EE CONSULATES IN FRG AND BERLIN. LUECKING SAID FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL DISCUSSED THE LONG-DORMANT SUBJECT OF ROMANIAN CG IN BERLIN (SEE REFTELS) WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 29. LATTER EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULATES, BUT SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WISHED TO DISCUSS MUNICH AND HAMBURG BEFORE
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WEST BERLIN. HE ALSO INDICATED ROMANIANS NOW NO LONGER

WILLING TO MAKE THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED CONNECTION BETWEEN ESTABLISHMENT OF CG IN BERLIN AND FRG CONSULAR REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLINERS IN ROMANIA (REF A). VAN WELL REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED FRG DISAPPOINTMENT IN ROMANIAN DROPPING OF THIS LINK.

2. SHORTLY AFTER VAN WELL TALKED TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR, FONOFF RECEIVED CABLE FROM FRG TRADE MISSION IN BUDAPEST WHICH REPORTED DISCUSSION BETWEEN MISSION OFFICER AND ROMANIAN EMBOFF THERE. THE ROMANIAN SAID THAT DURING A RECENT VISIT BY BUCHAREST OFFICIAL TO EAST BERLIN, GDR REPS MADE CLEAR THAT IN THEIR VIEW EVEN TENTATIVE FRG AGREEMENTS WITH CSSR, BULGARIA AND HUNGARY ON REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS OF WEST BERLINERS BY FRG CONSULATES SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT PRECEDE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIOLOMATIC TIES. GDR REPS ALSO SAID ESTABLISHMENT OF EE CONSULATES IN WSB SHOULD LIKEWISE COME PRIOR TO ANY AGREEMENT FOR FRG CONSULATES TO REPRESENT WEST BERLINERS. GDR OFFICIALS TOOK EQUALLY HARD LINE ON FORM SUCH EVENTUAL REPRESENTATION MIGHT TAKE. THEY WOULD HAVE WEST BERLINERS REPRESENTED IN EE'S ONLY BY A PERSON OR OFFICE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM FRG EMBASSIES.

3. COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY, DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED ABOVE DISMAY GERMANS HERE. INDICATIONS ARE NOW CLEARER THAN EVER THAT NOT ONLY WILL THEY HAVE A HARD TIME ON SUCH QUESTIONS WITH GDR, BUT THAT TOUGH SLEDDING IS ALSO AHEAD FOR FRG NEGOTIATORS ATTEMPTING TO SETTLE BERLIN QUESTIONS WITH OTHER EE'S AFTER RELATIONS WITH CZECHS, BULGARIANS AND HUNGARIANS ARE ESTABLISHED. ADDITIONALLY, ROMANIAN INTEREST FIVE MONTHS AGO IN ESTABLISHING CG IN WEST BERLIN, WHICH HAD GREATLY ENCOURAGED FRG, NOW SEEMS TO HAVE DIMINISHED IN THE FACE OF APPARENT HEAVY PRESSURE FROM EAST BERLIN AND PERHAPS OTHER EE CAPITALS.

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